PROCLAMATION SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, In the United States, one person dies by suicide every 12 minutes; and 112 people die by suicide each day n the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the second leading cause of death for Massachusetts residents ages 15-34 and the suicide rate on the Cape and Islands is 1.4 times higher than the State average; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a tragic and disruptive event for families and communities ~ it is estimated that there are 5 million survivors who have lost a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a public health issue, it is a community problem and through education and awareness of the issue a great number of suicides can be prevented;

THEREFORE, we do hereby officially designate the month of September as "SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH" in Truro, Massachusetts.

Signed on this Fifteenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Paul Wisotzky, Chair

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